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Merit Award Scholarship Deadline Extended

Sen. Van Woerkom's bill to protect students from late MEAP results passes Senate

LANSING – Relief is one step closer for college freshmen who are awaiting the results of their MEAP test, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, said.

Van Woerkom's legislation to extend the deadline to certify MEAP results for the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship was unanimously passed today by the Michigan State Senate.

"Michigan students will not be held accountable for the delay in MEAP test scores," Van Woerkom said. "Senate Bill 701 provides an additional two months for college freshmen to certify their MEAP results and qualify for the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship. The bill ensures that our promise to reward students based on their academic performance is kept."

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for the year 2003 only.

The delay in MEAP test results have left college freshmen unable to certify test results to earn the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship.

SB 701 will now be sent to the Michigan House of Representatives for consideration.

Note: Audio comments and a video clip from Sen. Van Woerkom on SB 701 are available on the Michigan Senate Republican Audiowire, located at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire/.

A downloadable photograph of Sen. Van Woerkom is also available on the Senate Majority Photowire, located at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/.